

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

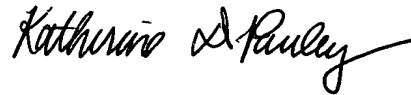
Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are pending; Claims 1-12 are amended; and no claims are newly added or canceled herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment, as support may be found, for example, in the specification at page 14.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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